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Several local officials and citizens joined the Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County Sunday, Dec. 9, for a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the second home to be built by Habitat in Coffee County. The home will be built for the Olean Smith family of Elba.

Habitat for Humanity holds groundbreaking ceremony

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Olean Smith family of Elba got an early Christmas present Sunday, Dec. 9, when Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County held a groundbreaking ceremony for the second home it will build in Coffee County.

The home will be the first to be built in Elba, and the Smith family was officially recognized as the recipient family during the Sunday afternoon ceremony.

Olean Smith applied for the program earlier in the year and she went through a screening process which included a credit check before her family was chosen to receive the Habitat home.

"Ms. Olean is a single parent grandmother who is raising two grandchildren," said Daniel Stephens, a Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County board member. "I feel we have

made a good choice."

Now that the ground has officially been broken for the project, Stephens said Smith will begin her sweat equity hours which will prepare her to become a homeowner. Also, he said she will physically work and help to build her home.

The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate substandard housing in the world one house at a time," said Stephens. "It also provides an opportunity for someone to become a homeowner when they otherwise would not be able to do so."

Not only does a Habitat home recipient work in helping to build the home, but the recipient makes house payments just as any other homeowner would.

According to Stephens, the Habitat home is sold to the recipient at the cost of the house with no interest, and with

Habitat for Humanity being a non-profit organization which relies solely on funding through private organizations, he said the program really depends on donations and volunteers from within the community to help keep the cost of the home down.

Also, Stephens said the house payments which are made by the home recipients are used along with monetary donations to help build more homes through Habitat for Humanity.

The next step in the current project will be to dig the footing before the house building begins, and Stephens said everyone involved is certainly ready to get the process rolling.

"There is no time span set for completion," Stephens said. "We just hope to get done as quick as possible."

Again, he stressed that Habitat for Humanity relies on

volunteers in helping to build homes for its recipients and any person or organization interested in volunteering time whether it be for a community service project or just out of the goodness of one's heart, should call a member of the building committee. In Elba, volunteers can call Daniel Stephens or Jim Nichols, or in Enterprise, call Charles Oliver or Billy Cotter.

These board members will also assist anyone wanting to make some sort of donation.

After all, it is with the help of the community that Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County will be able to reach its goal of building and renovating houses so there are decent homes in decent communities in which people can live and grow into all that God intended while eliminating poverty housing and homelessness from the earth.

Commission authorizes farm center use for two separate events

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Requests to use the Farm Center topped the list of things the Coffee County Commission considered Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, during the regular monthly meeting. All commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Bernice Brooks,

County administrator Wilson Mobley presented the commission with a request from the New Brockton Fire Department to use the farm center to sponsor a wrestling event as a fund raising event for the department.

In the request, Mobley said the fire department was asking for the commission's permission to use the center for the event, as well as, either waiving or lowering the general \$200 per day rental fee for use of the center.

He said the department would be responsible for security and clean-up at the farm center during and after the event.

"We've had so much trouble with wrestling," said Commissioner Robert Stephens. "I'd be willing to give it to them for free for anything but wrestling."

Mobley concurred by saying that in the 12 years he has been the county's administrator, the commission has seen more problems with the wrestling events held at the farm center than any other event held there.

Stephens made a motion that the commission authorize the use of the farm center by the New Brockton Fire Department for the purpose of sponsoring a wrestling event; however, his motion indicated that the commission stick to the policies

already in place concerning the use of the farm center for a wrestling event in that the fire department will have to pay the rental fee and obtain insurance for the event.

The motion received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook and passed with a unanimous vote.

Mobley then presented the commission with another request to use the farm center.

This time, the request came from the Enterprise Church of Christ for the use of the center on Saturday, Jan. 26, for a free admission gospel event. Mobley said the church was requesting that the commission waive the rental fee since the event will be free of charge to anyone attending.

Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley made a motion to allow the church to use the farm

center for the gospel event with the rental fee waived. His motion received a second from Commissioner Doug Dalynple and passed by a unanimous vote.

The Wednesday morning meeting then shifted from the farm center to the Coffee County Training Center as Mobley introduced Cliff Donaldson, a member of the South Central Alabama Mental Health Board, who also presented a request to the commission.

Donaldson informed the commissioners about a portable classroom from New Brockton Elementary School which was recently donated by the Coffee County Board of Education to the Coffee County Training Center. He said the additional building will provide much needed space for the training center, but the health board does

not have the funds to move the facility.

Therefore, he said his purpose for attending the meeting was to

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DAR Good Citizen Awardees presented at luncheon

During a recent ceremony held in Enterprise, the John Coffee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented the 2001-2002 Coffee County DAR Good Citizen Awardees.

The National DAR Good Citizens Committee was established in 1934 and it recognizes senior high school students in accredited public, parochial and private schools who excel in qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

The DAR Good Citizen is considered an outstanding award because the Good Citizen is selected by a vote of both faculty and students of the participating school.

In Coffee County, the 2001-2002 DAR Good Citizen Awardees include:

Elba High School - Wesley Gannon Kelley, son of Edwin and Jana Kelley
New Brockton High School - Kendra Bristol Cole, daughter of Charles and Barbara Cole
Zion Chapel High School - Joshua P. Canley
Kinston High School - April Hawthorne, daughter of Melody and Steve Hawthorne
Enterprise High School - Catherine Marie Grimes, daughter of Jim and Debbie Grimes.

After these students were selected in their school, they

Elba School Board faces funds shortfall with cautious optimism

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board meeting of December 13th was held while there was still a financial cloud over the future of public education in Alabama. The state legislature was in special session seeking funding to overcome a critical cash shortfall that was about to put the state schools into proration for the second straight year. This dilemma was apparently averted about a week later when the lawmakers passed taxing legislation to raise extra funds and fill the shortfall.

The local school board approved paying the interest and renewing an outstanding \$175,000 bank loan at a local bank. Board members expressed hope that additional state and/or local funds would be forthcoming soon. Another year of proration would definitely cut four or more classroom teachers and a number of other activities, board members were told by Superintendent Danny Weeks.

Weeks responded to the published statements from State Superintendent of Education Ed Richardson recommending combining some school systems and said, "Coffee County is a fine county system, we have a fine city system and we are not going to knock the state superintendent." Weeks also told board members he had interviews scheduled with several state news media outlets and with the New York Times.

A position paper of sorts was shown to board members by the superintendent. It is titled "What's Right with Our Schools." The paper lists the physical/financial status of the Elba school system and the superb academic status of the schools and the system. One of the highlights of this report was that, "100% of the graduation class of 2001 passed the Alabama High School Graduation Exam." This is an achievement that can't be excelled and is rarely duplicated anywhere in Alabama.

SFMNP funding bill approved

Gov. Don Siegelman recently announced the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) funding bill has been signed by the President allowing the continuation of the nutrition program supporting Alabama's senior population and farmers.

The SFMNP provides fresh fruits and vegetables from community farmers to eligible senior citizens through area agencies on aging. Last year was the first year of the program and Alabama boasts one of the highest redemption rates in the country at 94 percent, nearly \$700,000 spent in 18 counties (Autauga, Clay, Coffee, Dale, Dallas, Escambia, Fayette, Franklin, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Jefferson, Lowndes, Madison, Marengo, Mobile, Perry, Tuscaloosa).

Considering the growth of the senior population, and particularly those over the age of 85 (39 percent between 1990 and 2000 in Alabama), nutrition is a concern and focusing on the availability of healthy foods is a high priority for the department.

"We have a debt of gratitude to our seniors, and this is just one more way that we can pay it," Siegelman said. "This program is a great example of how state government working together with local folks can create benefits for the entire community."

ment," said Melissa Galvin, executive director of the Alabama Department of Senior Services. "We are fortunate to have the support from the governor and state legislators for this worthwhile program, as well as their continued support for our long-established meals programs across the state."

SFMNP coupons are issued to eligible recipients through the area agencies on aging. These coupons can be used to buy produce (fresh, unprepared fruits and vegetables) grown in Alabama from farmers, who have been authorized directly through their operation in an established farmers' market by the State to accept them. The Federal benefit under the SFMNP ranges from \$10 to \$200 per recipient per year, based on the State's discretion.

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enter the scholarship portion of the program. This entry was judged on two equal parts including personal and essay.

At the December luncheon, the five local winners received a pin and certificate, and the county winner received a \$50 savings bond with the essay and personal information being sent to the state for the next level of the competition.

The 2001-2002 Coffee County DAR Good Citizen is Catherine Grimes of Enterprise High School.

Several years ago, an article which appeared in USA Today stated that at a national meeting of high school principals, the DAR Good Citizen award was voted the most prestigious award a senior could receive.



Pictured from left to right: Wesley Kelley, Elba; Kendra Cole, New Brockton; April Hawthorne, Kinston; Joshua Canley, Zion Chapel; and Catherine Grimes, Enterprise.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Christmas was survived around our office again. However it seems this holiday season has been the most hectic one ever. Our days started early, one thing got interrupted by another urgent need throughout the entire day and late at night we just collapsed, shutting out all that we knew was still undone. Any holiday is stressful in a newspaper office, because it forces schedule changes to accommodate staff days off, post office schedules, etc. This year we get two of them back-to-back on what is normally our busiest work day. Now that the dust is settling and we have apparently survived them both, they fall into our ever growing memory book to be reflected upon and enjoyed for a lifetime. Hopefully you are able to do the same thing.

Several weeks ago a copy of a legal decision came across our desk. It was a judge's order in the suit Eva McGrath-Love had after she was terminated from her position as a juvenile probation officer. At first blush the order seemed to rule in favor of the county, but got confusing as the reading continued. The natural reaction was to blame this on our simple, non legal mind. Now however it appears that mixed messages were received by others also. Both sides in the lawsuit have filed motions asking the judge to either amend or reconsider the ruling, but for different reasons. The next round in a Coffee County courtroom is scheduled for January 14.

There is no formal program in Elba this year for recycling Christmas trees. However, if you know someone with a fish pond, offer them your discarded tree. More and more pond owners are finding that these trees make fine hiding places for small fish, which of course means bigger fish hang around close by. The fish experts suggest tying several together, weighting them down and dropping the new fish reef into the water, with a marker to direct fishermen to it later. In deeper water these trees can be weighted to stand upright for a little different type reef.

In recent weeks there have been a number of news stories about the indictment of Alabama Senator Roger Bedford and his dealings with taxpayer funds. Now another state official faces some of the same charges, in the same matters. What surprises us about Bedford is that he knew folks were on his case about what appeared to be fast, loose dealings with state funds and yet he continued down the same road. Those of you who know anything at all about the North Alabama lawmaker understand that he is not dumb and his family is definitely not hungry. So why would he venture out into such a mess? We definitely don't have an answer to that one.

Again within the past week a bunch of captured al-Qaida prisoners have rioted and taken up arms against their captors. This time it is wounded prisoners who have barricaded themselves in a hospital and threatened to kill everyone around them. We continue to ask "Where are they getting these weapons?" Our limited (War 101) military training all those years ago taught us to disarm captured prisoners. . . first. The TV shows still do that, yet on at least three occasions in this Afghanistan war captured Taliban prisoners have taken up arms against their Afghan (good guy) captors.

History records that from the height of the Roman Empire there have been concerns for the direction the younger generation was going. Sometime this week each of us has heard that in some form or another. Yet there is another side to this story and we saw it demonstrated several weeks ago. A group of about 25 youngsters, age 3 to 11, did a Christmas presentation at the Elba United Methodist Church. These leaders of tomorrow did an awesome job, completely from memory, for about 45 minutes. From the red headed three year old up to the "older" boys and girls they came in on cue, recited their parts and sang their songs. A number of these young children had singing solos throughout the program and the talent and abilities they displayed would put many of us adults to shame. The adults who prepared, led and are developing the talents of these youngsters are to be saluted along with the fine and lovable kids themselves.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of December 17, 2001, through December 27, 2001. They were: David Hudson, Velvet Coleman, D.W. Cordle, Mattie Yarn, Ana Brewer, Hazel Parker, Grady Barefoot, Frances Eddins, Sara Cotter, David Wilkerson, Lovella Davis, William Beckworth, Mary Griggs, Melonee Senn, Joe Kilcrease, Fannie Brooks, Katherine White, Lee Burch, Mavis LeGear, Betty Goodwin, Mary Ralston, Alexia Champion and Christy Champion. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Larry Burks, Ronnie Parker, Andrew Hanson, Mary Griggs, Velvet Coleman, David Hudson, Roy Lee Creech, Harold Parker, Annie Bell, Mattie Yarn, D.W. Cordle, David Wilkerson, Grady Barefoot, Gary Cowarts, Corra Brewer, Frances Eddins, Lovella Davis, Melonee Senn, Joe Kilcrease and Mary Griggs.

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Sometimes it takes a child to teach us a lesson in life

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Isn't it funny how something can happen and we not pay much attention to it, but the more we think about it the more important it becomes to us.

Well...this sort of happened to me the other day while visiting a friend's house. We were all just standing around talking when

my little buddy Regan Danner taught me a lesson in life, and it took me a while to realize it. I was wearing an Old Navy long sleeve tee-shirt and hadn't paid much attention to the design on it, especially since it was simply the Old Navy wording. However, Regan saw it a bit differently, and I realized it when he pointed at my shirt and

said...truck.

Later that evening, I took a good look at the shirt and one

Now, I realize that maybe we all ought to take a little extra time to look at things a little closer. You never know what you will find when you open your imagination and allow yourself to look beyond the surface.

Our time on earth is limited, and we should take advantage of every moment we have. Maybe the first place to start is by taking the simple things and making them special. I know I will never be able to look at that particular tee-shirt as the same again thanks to the imagination of one small child. Without even knowing it, he taught me to slow down, open my mind and look for something special in everything.

Regan looked at the shirt and saw the design of a truck. At his age, he doesn't know any other

way to be but imaginative. It took a lesson in life to get me to see things differently.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 17, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one forgery, four for harassment, two for fraud and theft, four for theft of property, four for unlawful possession of marijuana, two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, two for harassing communications, one criminal trespassing, one resisting arrest and three for domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: one for D.U.I., one for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, one for resisting arrest, five for possession of marijuana, two for domestic violence and one on a failure to appear warrant.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, two for no proof of insurance and two for violation of the seat belt law.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 - River stage - 7.05 feet (6:56 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18 - Alarm activated at Week's Tire (3:53 a.m.); River stage - 6.97 feet (6:20 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 897 Pinedale Dr. (10:37 a.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at the firewood stand across from Coffee County EMS (10:41 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 - River stage - 7.07 feet (6:36 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Friendship Community (10:58 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 906 Guyton St. (2:38 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 651 Reynolds St. (10:02 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20 - River stage - 7.13 feet (6:11 a.m.); Civil disturbance reported at 1019 Hickman Ave. (4:48 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 - River stage - 7.07 feet (6:30 a.m.); Subject with a gun reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (10:01 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 757 Williams Ave. (12:49 p.m.); Alarm activated at 641 Jackson St. (8:26 p.m.); Possible prowler.

BULLETIN BOARD

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call PRILE 1-800-772-1213.
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.
• YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office @ AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. -
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport Detachment.
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria.

reported at 610 Mullins Apts. (8:30 p.m.); Alarm activated at 989 County Rd. 400 (9:41 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 - River stage - 6.94 feet (6:12 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Big/Little West (6:57 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Big/Little West (7:22 a.m.); Loud music reported on Carver Dr. (7:20 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 - Disturbance reported at 940 Carver Dr. (4:01 a.m.); River stage - 6.84 feet (7:00 a.m.); Routine activity.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - River stage - 6.79 feet (7:01 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - River stage - 6.80 feet (7:06 a.m.); Alarm activated at 602 Jackson St. (9:07 a.m.); Alarm activated at 989 County Rd. 400 (10:43 a.m.); Alarm activated at Rocky Head Church (12:29 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at a residence on the Troy Hwy. (6:29 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - River stage - 6.75 feet (6:36 a.m.); Alarm activated at 266 Plant Ave. (8:19 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported behind Elba Texaco Food Mart (1:02 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 - River stage - 6.70 feet (6:17 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1107 Martin Luther King Dr. (3:23 p.m.); Routine activity.

SANTA WAS ALL-AROUND...Santa Claus was spotted at the Coffee County EMS on Friday afternoon, Dec. 21. During his visit, Santa spent a lot of time standing by the road waving to the people as they passed by in their vehicles. He soon had to make his departure to prepare for the big event on Christmas Eve. However, before leaving he took time to have his picture made with Tiffany Hartin and Emily Driggers.

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inform the commission of the donated building and ask them to consider providing the funds to relocate the facility to the Coffee County Training Center.

Mobley, who also serves as a member of the mental health board, suggested that the commission wait until it receives an official request in writing from the mental health board concerning the funds to relocate the building. He said by that time the board will have had an opportunity to look at the project and possibly provide a more definite cost to the commission.

Donaldson said he plans on bringing the matter before the mental health board for consideration when it holds its next meeting on Jan. 17, but he wanted to go ahead and alert the commission that they (mental


health board) will need some help when and if the acceptance of the building is approved.

In other business, the commission:
• Received a reminder from Commissioner Stephens that an Open House will be held at the newly built Damascus Senior Citizens Center on Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2 p.m.
• Approved a \$265 fee to take part in the Southeast Alabama Trails Trade Show which is coming up soon.

Approved a resolution to start the process of revising the permits at the Coffee County Landfill.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Jan. 14, at 9 a.m. in the office complex in New Brockton.

Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Lighting Camp Stove Is Easier Than Gathering Wood

Roasting marshmallows over a crackling campfire while sipping a steaming cup of coffee and listening to the night crickets sing is one of the ultimate relaxation experiences. But cooking a meal over an open fire requires gathering lots of wood and cleaning soon off pots and pans before snuggling into your sleeping bag.

The modern camp stove offers tired outdoor adventurers the luxury of a cooking fire with only the striking of a match and turning a valve. Even the little Sterno stove can cook a small meal and keep the coffee hot.

Modern camp stoves are available in the lightweight backpack units that weigh less than one pound to the three burner units that have their own stoves and can cook a big rollers meal as fast as gasoline can at home. The type stove to buy is dictated by the type of camping or outdoor activity you are involved in. Backpackers primary concerns are weight and space considerations. The car camper is not so limited and can opt for the two or three burner propane or liquid fuel stoves.

One of the biggest choices that has to be made in selecting stoves today is the fuel selection. Using the small propane containers eliminates the often messy pouring and pumping required of liquid fuel stoves as propane cylinders are under regulated pressure. The drawbacks of using the propane cylinders are it is hard to determine how much fuel you have left in a cylinder and the disposal of used cylinders. Always carry one more cylinder than you think you will need.

If space and transportation permit, the five and ten pound bulk propane containers are an excellent choice. These cylinders can be refilled at approximately half the cost of purchasing the same volume in disposable cylinders and they are refillable, eliminating the disposal hassle.

While a bit messy, liquid fuel stoves remain popular. The one or two gallon can of fuel, which is basically naphtha, can be bought in rural locations across the country. This super refined fuel burns clean and is considerably less expensive than propane. Many campers use unleaded gasoline in their stoves rather than the more refined Coleman Fuel.

Although this works, the life of the stove's generator can be shortened considerably in older models.

Some of the newer Coleman stoves are designed to operate on unleaded gas as well as the standard stove fuel. The generator in these new stoves is designed to reduce clogging and increase vaporization.

When camping, I often think of the early settlers of this great country as they traveled west in covered wagons. I think of how they could have used some of our modern camping equipment. Just imagine how much easier it would have been to strike a match or turn the igniter button on a camp stove rather than scouring the prairie for a bucket full of buffalo chips to cook supper with.

NOTICE

The Elba Athletic Club will meet on the first and third Monday of each month beginning Jan. 7, 2002. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the boy's locker room at Elba High School.

ESJC provides class options

A variety of options are offered to students attending Enterprise State Junior College this Spring Semester. In addition to regular day and evening classes offered at the main and Ft. Rucker campus, students may choose to take classes in a condensed form during mini-sessions. The first mini-session will run January 7/February 28. The second mini-session will run March 1/May 6. Students interested in attending the second mini-session MUST register during regular registration prior to classes beginning. Another option available includes 15 courses offered over the internet. Class schedules are available at area businesses, city government offices, Chambers of Commerce, libraries, ESJC main campus and Ft. Rucker campus. The schedule is also available at the ESJC website.

NOTICE

Due to this week's New Year's Day holiday, the Coffee County Solid Waste Department reminds county residents that the garbage pickup for the week is as follows: Tuesday - moved to Wednesday; Wednesday - moved to Thursday; Thursday - moved to Friday.

ANNETTE KELLEY

Mrs. Annette Kelley, age 58, of Elba, Ala., died Dec. 25, 2001 at Elba General Hospital in Elba.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Kenneth Hagler officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Drexel Kelley, Elba; four daughters and sons-in-law: Phyllis and David Sasser, Elba; Kathleen and Jeff Harden, Dothan, Pam and Eric Ramey, Springville, Ala.; Susan Parrish, Springville, Ala.; two brothers: Erskine Hutchison, Laurel Hill, Fla.; Jimmy Hutchison, Elba; two sisters: Peggy Cain and Elizabeth Hutchison, both of Elba; Jeanette Johnson, Montgomery; six grandchildren: Jennifer Downing, Stephanie Sasser, Matt Downing, Elizabeth Ramey, Will Ramey and Josh Parrish.

JAMES WILLIAM LEGER
Mr. James William LeGear, age 69, of Brantley, Ala., died Dec. 25, 2001 at his residence in the Bullock community.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 2001 at the Country Cathedral Church with Rev. Charles Dyess and Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Bullock Community Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife: Mavis Powell LeGear, Brantley; one daughter and son-in-law: Judy Elaine and Rudolph Harrelson, Moultrie, Ga.; one brother: Jack LeGear, Griffith, Ind.; four sisters: Fannie Pugh and Ann Snell, both of Elba; Minnie Kidd and Martha Carlisle, both of Opelika; three grandsons: Tony Harrelson, Blackshear, Ga.; Stacy Harrelson, Mobile; Ashley LeGear, Elba; two granddaughters: Kristi Harrelson, Deltona, Fla.; Kisha LeGear, Brantley; and five great-grandchildren.

J.T. TINDOL
Mr. J.T. Tindol, age 85, of Enterprise, Ala., died Dec. 25, 2001 at the Medical Center Enterprise after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 2001 at Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home Chapel with Wiregrass Hospice Chaplain Talmadge Butler officiating. Burial followed at the Old Tabernacle Cemetery with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Tindol was preceded in death by his son, Dwight Tindol, a sister, Neelie Mae Sands, and two brothers, Walt Tindol and Albie Tindol.

Survivors include his wife: Earline Smith Tindol.

Obituaries

Enterprise; one daughter: Jerlene Anderson (Tom), Enterprise; two sisters: Maureen Lewis, Easley, Ala.; Lucille Ziglar, Samson, Ala.; one brother: Comer Tindol, Shalimar, Fla.; two grandchildren: Cara Gates (Darren), Enterprise; Jason Anderson, Enterprise; and one great-grandchild: Minleigh Elisabeth Gates.

GUSSIE LEE CHANDLER MALLETT
Mrs. Gussie Lee Chandler Mallett, age 98, of Troy, Ala., died Dec. 24, 2001.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 2001 at Dillard Funeral Home Chapel in Troy with Rev. Mallone Chandler officiating. Burial followed at Rhoades Cemetery in Kinston with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Mallett was preceded in death by two husbands, Okley Herndon and Charlie Mallett.

Survivors include six sisters: Bessie Armistead, Troy, Ala.; Cleveland, Montgomery; Eva Mae Stone, Troy; Nettie Bullard, Troy; Eunice (Jimmy) Russell, Montgomery; and Margaret Hubbard, Las Vegas, Nev.; one brother: Eugene (Margaret) Chandler, Jack; and several nieces and nephews.

SHARON WINDHAM
Mrs. Sharon Windham, age 51, of Ozark, Ala., died Dec. 22, 2001 at Dale Medical Center following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Dec. 24, 2001 from the Chapel of Fuquia-Bankston Funeral Home in Ozark with Rev. David Spears and Rev. Wendell McCord officiating. Burial followed in Post Oak Baptist Cemetery with Fuquia-Bankston Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Ray Windham, Ozark; three daughters and one son-in-law: Shannon Rae Windham, Eastling, Ozark; Cindy Kay Windham, Flowers, (Stephanie), Ozark; Brenda Marie Windham, Skipperville, Ala.; her father: William Eugene McCord, Hopkinsville, Ky.; one sister and brother-in-law: Norma Kay and Robert

Malone, Cadiz, Ky.; four brothers and sisters-in-law: Wendell Eugene and Wanda McCord, Danny Ray Shirley, McCord, William Eugene and Karen McCord, William Eugene and Lisa McCord, all of Hopkinsville, Ky.; three grandchildren: Kimberly Nicole Horn, Haley Ann Hayrie Easterling and Brandon Ray Flowers.

BETTY MARSH
Mrs. Betty Marsh, age 67, of Melbourne, Fla., died Dec. 26, 2001 at the Elba General Hospital in Elba.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed at Rhoades Cemetery in Kinston with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: John Marsh, Melbourne, Fla.; three daughters: Sharon Smith, Elba; Debbie Dalton, Melbourne, Fla.; Brenda Spradlin, Kettering, Ohio; four sisters: Sue Fisk, Houston, Texas; Rhonda King, Melbourne, Fla.; Margie Sheffield, Rockledge, Fla.; Renee Combs, Melbourne, Fla.; two brothers: Wendell Wingard, LaGrange, Ga.; Lamar Wingard, Ocala, Fla.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

CHAN OLIVER CARPENTER
Mr. Chan Oliver Carpenter, age 81, of the Marl community (Samson) died Dec. 27, 2001 at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Carpenter was born Feb. 12, 1920 in Coffee County, Ala. to the late Jesse and Liza

Lambert Carpenter. He was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Navy.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 2001 from the Chapel of Pittman Funeral Home in Samson with Rev. John Sanders officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery in the Gainer community with Pittman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Carpenter was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Stewart Wright, a grandson, Greg Wright, three brothers, Willie Lee, Mack and Palmer Carpenter, and three sisters, Maude New, Annie Johnson and Elaine Phillips.

Survivors include his wife: Essie Norris Carpenter, Samson (Marl community); one daughter and son-in-law: Diane and William Walker, Gainsville, Ga.; one brother and sister-in-law: Romaine and Catherine Carpenter, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; three daughters: Donald Mullins, Macon, Ga.; Doug Mullins, Orlando, Fla.; Michael Wright, Tifton, Ga.; one granddaughter and grandson-in-law: Deann and Tim Fawcett, Lavonia, Ga.; two great-grandsons: Stephen Mullins, Hartford, Ala.; Steve Mullins, Orlando, Fla.; Rhonda Fawcett, Lavonia, Ga.; six nieces and five nephews.

Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home. For details Call 897-2225

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA - 897-2006



LIVE NATIVITY was featured at The Elba United Methodist Church during the Christmas holidays. Many people participated. Pictured above are L to R: Sarah Smith, Charlotte Hobson and Candace Vaughan.

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 17:1-26

***Thinking of you, praying for you: The Slinger and Henderson families, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., The Jackson and Langston families, Ruth Belcher, Rosie Daniels, Annie Bell Flournoy, Bufus Tillis, Sr., Wendy, Virginia Rogers, Wendy Kyser, Mamie Williams, Carrie Bell Farrel, Mary Alice Pierce, Lizzie Tyson.

***Deacon and Deaconess Day of the St. Mark Baptist Church in Glenwood, Ala., will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Jeff D. Abner, pastor, Rev. Ben Matthews, guest speaker, pastor of St. Reginald Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

***Donald Smith's Barbara, Quinton, Shawn Shifflett of Charlottesville, Va., and Sgt. Michael Watkins Smith of Quantico Marine Base, Quantico, Va. visited in the

homes of Ernestine Kelley and family, Eria Lindsey Belcher and family of Elba, Ala.; Mrs. Madlyn Smith and family of New Brockton, Ala. during the Christmas holidays. A surprise graduation party was given in the home of Eria Lindsey Belcher of Elba for Virginia Rogers and Wesley Kelley, graduates of MacArthur Tech. Opp. Ala., on December 21, 2001. Those attending this occasion were: Rev. James Rogers and Renar, Minister Robert Edwards, Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Rea Nita and Dee'Nard, Enterprise, Ala.

Myron Duncan, Maria Brandon, Brandy Tiffany, and Lydia, Ernestine Kelley, Janae, Caleb, Melissa, Anthony, Tonya Smith, Curtis Kelley, Connie Moody, Tyrone Kelley, Margo and Winston, Alan Belcher, Michael Manning, Evelyn Lynsey, Jason and Mason, James Coleman, Minister Ronnie Russell and Kimberly, Tommy Tillis and Antwon, Eria Lindsey Belcher and the hostesses: Virginia and Wesley.

Happy New Year. Today is a good day, be grateful. Eria

The Bradys to be in concert at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center

The Bradys from Columbia, Ala. will begin the 2002 concert season on Saturday, January 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center.

Ozark District Founders lay meeting & worship services to be held January 12

Presiding Elder J. F. McClellan has announced the Ozark District A.M.E. Churches' Founders Day meeting and worship services to be held on Saturday, January 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba. Reverend Richard "Cloud" recently appointed pastor of Collins Chapel A.M.E. Church in New Brockton, will bring the morning message. Presiding officer will be the Reverend Paul Phillips, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Geneva. In addition to the usual Ozark District spirit-filled worship services, this gathering of members from the 21 District Churches will pay homage to the founder of the A.M.E. Church, Bishop Richard Allen. The public is invited to attend the worship services. For more information, please call Rev. McClellan at 983-1966, Reverend Fred Flowers, District Secretary at 393-1015, Rev. H. J. Fitchard, Pastor, St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Ozark at 774-5509, or Marge Simmons, Director of Public Relations at 393-3827.

Area students receive degrees from University of Alabama

The University of Alabama award some 1,000 degrees at fall commencement exercises held Monday, Dec. 17, in Coleman Coliseum on the Tuscaloosa campus.

The following students from this area were listed as candidates to receive degrees: Brandee Nicole Farris, Britany Marie McCall, Anna Katherine Stokes and Bonnie Lynn Vaughan all of Elba.

District Youth Choir Rehearsal scheduled for January 8

The Ozark District Youth Choir will rehearse on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. at New Zion A.M.E. Church, in Enterprise. All young people from A.M.E. Churches in the Ozark District are asked to come out to an exciting rehearsal under the direction of Rev. James Corbett, pastor of the Florida-Lockhart Circuit, and

WORSHIP AT THE CHOICE OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

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KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
John Freeman, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIVING WOOD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Ron & Mary Silson, Pastors
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Evening... 6:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CAINARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 1st & 3rd Sundays... 11:00 a.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Bobby Driver, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert McVey, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
 Tues. Prayer Service... 6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS CHURCH
Joanne Bryan, Minister
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
 Tues. Prayer Service... 6:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Ray Kingston, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MILBERRY HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST
R. B. Williams, Minister
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Brs. Jerry Long, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Evfr. Service... 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Loreal Flowers, Minister
 Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
 2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Keith Price, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PRATSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Betty Morris, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Evfr. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
 2nd & 4th Sundays

ROSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Alan Davis, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
Rev. F. J. Flowers, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Praise Service... 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
James Wiles, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Lloyd Hodge
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
 Thurs. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.
 Friday Prayer Meeting... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Ron Stallard, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Evangelistic Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
John D. Johnson, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Tony Dyx, Pastor
 Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
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 Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
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WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Bruce Williams, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
 Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
 Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Alan Davis, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
 Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
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ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Alvin Medders, Pastor
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FARM NEWS

January is a month of planning for gardeners

by Richard Petcher
County Extension Agent

January constitutes a sort of hibernation for the garden period for home gardeners. It is still a little early to be planting your own seedlings, and getting into the major thoughts of gardening. But in some ways this is the perfect month for gardeners.

This is the month to look over seed catalogues or visit your farm store, and it is the time to dream of your perfect weedless, bug free garden.

This is a time to mull over last year's problems and consider changes to make for the next season. It is a time to consider fertility. A time to be making compost or adding leaves, peanut hulls or other items high in organic matter to your garden.

Adding nutrients to your soil is sort of like putting money in the bank, it gives the soil, now, the nutrients your plants will need in the spring. This is also the time to be considering new ideas for your garden. Just a few ideas you may want to consider for your garden this year are: possibly using mulch in the form of leaves or black plastic, possibly using herbicides for weed control, at least on part of your garden and save yourself some of that weeding time. You may want to consider adding drip irrigation to your garden, and have your neighbors marvel at those vegetables you are harvesting while others have none. You may want to spice up the aesthetics of your garden by making a border of shrubs or a fence or

adding special walk ways. Many people plant flowers in their garden for added beauty. You may want to extend your garden, or grow a few crops that you have never grown. Or you may consider condensing your garden in order to do a better job with what you have. Many people like to keep records of their garden on such things as soil fertility, crop rotation and harvest. This helps in giving you a better garden layout, and knowing when and which varieties to plant. Another idea you may like is to take pictures of your garden. Recently a friend showed me a photo album of his garden. It started with ground break and went to harvest. Needless to say, I was impressed. I hope some of these ideas have been helpful for you.



PEANUT ESSAY WINNER...There were 29 entries in the Coffee County 4-H Peanut Contest. Samantha Peacock wrote the winning essay. She is 11-years-old and is in the 6th grade at Kingston Elementary. She is the daughter of Homer and Anita Peacock. Pictured from left to right is Patty Taylor, principal of Kingston Elementary School; Samantha Peacock and her mother, Anita Peacock.



NATURE CRAFT...Winners of the 4-H Nature Craft contest at the 4-H Explosion were: (l to r) Brandy Danley, 3rd, New Brockton; Aubrey Doggett, 2nd, Enterprise; Cory Carter, 1st, Zion Chapel.

Make that New Year's goal to be healthy-not slim

by Susan Taylor
Extension Agent/NEP

We're a nation of dieters, yet we keep getting fatter, and fatter, and fatter. That's because when it comes to controlling our weight we focus on the wrong thing.

There's no scientific data to support the notion that people get fat because they overeat. As a people we are getting fatter because our environment is changing—new technologies are taking away our need to expend energy.

It's the diet industry that has us believing the only way to

lose weight is by inhibiting our appetite—after all, that's where the money is to be made, in all those drugs and weight reducing foods and diet programs.

More and more research is showing that dieting is futile and can backfire. If you try to limit calories, you end up hungrier and often end up eating more.

Dieting can lead to weight obsessions and eating disorders; slowing down metabolism; heightening sensitivity to the taste and smell of food, trigger depression, apathy and irritability; devastate self-esteem; and be downright unhealthy.

So instead of focusing on your weight focus on your health. Here's how.

First, buck the national trend by incorporating movement into everyday life. This doesn't mean buying spandex workout suits and living at the gym. It means walk to the grocery store instead of taking the car, go dancing instead of sitting in front of the television, garden instead of surfing the net, park your car a couple blocks away from the office and walk, use the stairs instead of the elevator, take an after-dinner stroll each evening.

There are independent data showing the health value of exercise. For many years, we've known exercise contributes to lowering cardiovascular disease, but studies done in the past 10 years have shown a profound relationship between exercise and cancer that nobody can really understand. This is particularly true for breast and colon cancer. The more you exercise the lower your cancer risk.

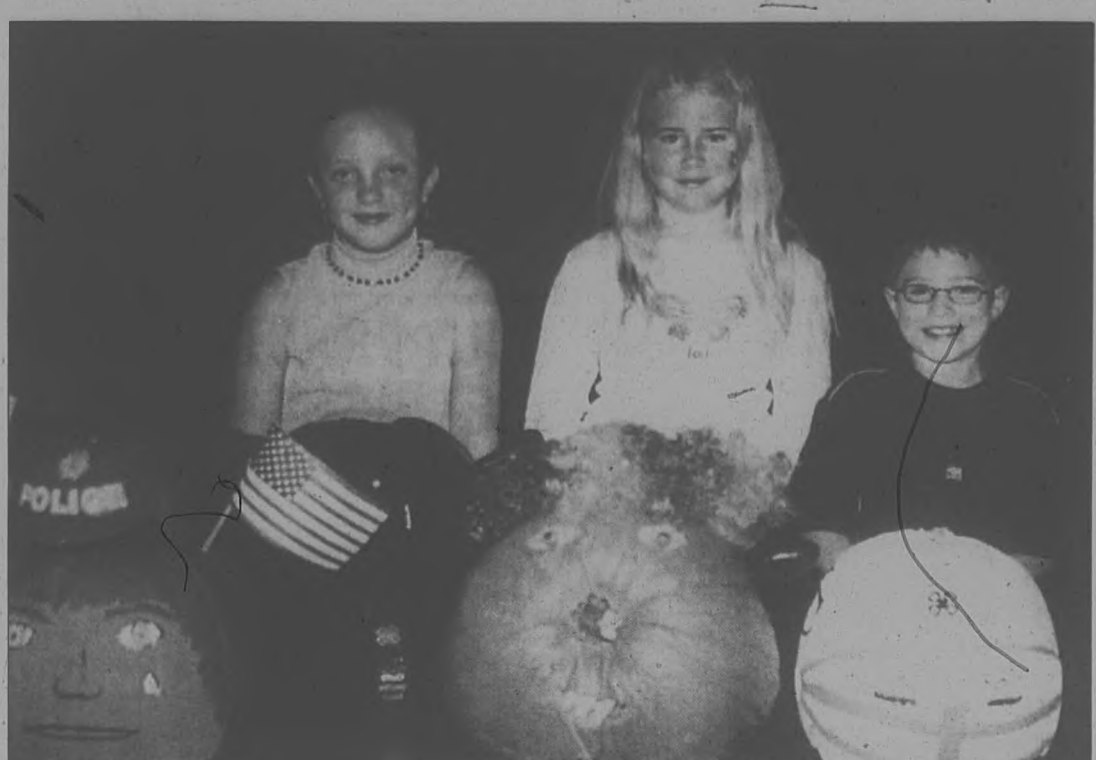
Overall, exercise, not weight, has the highest relationship to mortality—that large people

who are very active have a much lower risk of dying than thin people who exercise little at all.

The second way to focus on your health is to eat a low-fat (not necessarily low-calorie) diet. Lowering fat intake decreases the risk of heart and colon cancers, heart disease, stroke, arteriosclerosis, and diabetes—the diseases most likely to kill us. Don't rely on low-fat versions of traditional foods. It's a strategy that sometimes doesn't work in the long run because low-fat foods taste different. Human beings have a long-term memory of what food is supposed to taste like. If you grow up eating real cream cheese, fat-free cream cheese just won't taste right and sooner or later, you'll stop eating it.

Instead try new foods that are naturally low in fat, such as fruits and vegetables, and foreign cuisine, like those of the Middle East and Africa, where the major source of calories is rice, pasta and other starches. Shift the balance away from the American diet where most of the calories come from meat (where most fat is) to dishes where most of the calories come from carbohydrates.

This powerful duo—a low fat diet combined with routine, moderate exercise—is your best path to good health, regardless of your weight.



MOST CREATIVE PUMPKIN...The winners of the Most Creative Pumpkin Contest were: (l to r) Sarah White, 2nd, New Brockton; Leana Visson, 1st, Zion Chapel; Nathaniel Bagwell, 3rd, Zion Chapel.



SCARIEST PUMPKIN...Winners of the Scariest Pumpkin Contest were: (l to r) Zeb Danley, 3rd, New Brockton; Jake Blackmon, 2nd, Kingston; Hannah Donn, 1st, Zion Chapel.

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Thursday - Sausage, Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Waffles, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

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Thursday - Fish Sandwich, Steak Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Fruit, Milk
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SPORTS

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My wife and I swore that we would not even try to buy the girls any clothes for Christmas, but we went out one final time and bought a few things we were sure both girls would like. Sure enough, our oldest took the blouse and sweater back to exchange, while the youngest took her Christmas money and came home with one pair of jeans, one blouse and very little money. At least she did keep the clothes she got. Now, will she ever wear them?

NOTES IN PASSING....

*** The Elba Tigers closed out the holidays with an 8-1 record, and while that is the Tigers best start in years, a look at the schedule makes it very clear that Elba is yet to get into the meat of its schedule. Of the Tigers' eight wins, the only ones that came over winning teams were against Kinston and Brantley. With games coming up against Pike County, Calhoun, Laverne and Ory, maybe we will soon find out just how good this bunch really is.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers closed out the holidays with a 5-3 slate, with two of their three losses coming by only one point. The Lady Tigers have moved their offense back behind the three-point line to take advantage of their talented guard tandem of LaGina Mack and Ayoma Proctor. However, Elba lost to Brantley despite connecting on 13 three-pointers, and it is hard to believe that there will be many games in which they come close to hitting that many times from behind the arc.

*** With the season getting ready to tip-off after the holiday break, it looks like an exciting two months ahead for county basketball fans. The Kinston Bulldogs are improving every time they hit the court and could become the surprise team of the season, while the Lady Bulldogs have now tasted the sweetness of success and should get quite a few more wins as the season rolls along. The Zion Chapel Rebels and Lady Rebels both discovered they could win and should grab some more wins real soon, while the New Brockton Gamecocks just need something good to happen to give them a much needed shot in the arm, and the Lady Gamecocks can beat just about anybody on any given night. Yep, it looks like 2002 will tip off with a bang for county basketball fans.

*** The Alabama legislature passed by a vote of 75-1 last week to increase the punishment for crimes of harassment, menacing and assault of sports officials. Alabama became the 16th state that protects its sports officials, and I have to agree that it was past time such a law was passed. Sports officials are the object of verbal abuse at every game played, and it has become sad in recent years to listen to even the youngest children always blame a loss on the officials and scream at them "just like their parents do." It will take a so-called fan being fined to make others believe the law will actually work. However, as a sports official and a sports fan, I have to agree the time has come for such a law.

*** In closing...the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has joined up with the Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA for the upcoming youth basketball season, and the joint sponsorship of the leagues has already proven to be a plus for everyone involved. The coaches received a dry-erase clipboard, a coaches manual and a whistle for use in games and at practice, while the players received a booklet with drills and fundamentals for the players to use, and even the parents received a booklet that explained the positive way they can support their children. The program is a no-cost venture by the NBA and WNBA, and had to turn heads away this season due to an unexpected surge in interest. It is a can't miss opportunity for the youth basketball leagues in Elba, and one that has to pay many dividends.

Next week....

*** Elba's Gavin Mauldin named "All-State" and to Wiregrass "Super 12" team

*** Elba's Coach Mike Waters named 3A-6A "Coach of the Year" by The Dothan Eagle

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Up record to 8-1

Tigers rally past Brantley 69-61

The Elba Tigers ran their winning streak to eight games on Thursday night with an exciting 69-61 win over the Brantley Bulldogs, in Brantley.

The win upped Elba's record

Lady Tigers fall to Brantley 54-53

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 5-3 last week with a 54-53 loss to the Brantley Lady Bulldogs, in Brantley.

The Lady Tigers fell behind early and trailed 24-19 after a wild first quarter, but rallied and cut the Bulldogs lead to 41-39 heading into the final stanza. Elba took the lead at 53-52 in the closing minute of play, but

saw Brantley's Tomasina Burnett score with only .02 remaining on the clock to lift the Lady Bulldogs to the last-second win.

LaGina Mack scored 23 points, and Ayoma Proctor added 19 to lead Elba, with the Lady Tiger duo combining to hit 12 three-pointers.

Brantley wins holiday tournament

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed the championship of the McKenzie Christmas Tournament last week with a 62-47 win over the Straughn Tigers.

Elba Youth Basketball Leagues team up with Jr. NBA & WNBA

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation's "Youth Basketball League" has been named an official member of the Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA, presented by Gatorade and Nike, a national support system for recreation youth basketball leagues created by the National Basketball Association and the Women's National Basketball Association.

The centerpiece of Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA membership is a series of unique instructional guides for players, parents and coaches, covering a variety of on-and-off court issues related to playing, coaching and supporting youth basketball. Topics include advice for coaches from the first practice, to the final game, ideas for parents on creating a positive and fun environment for their children and tips for players and coaches on skills to sportsmanship.

In addition, participating head coaches will receive an official Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA dry-erase clipboard for diagramming drills and plays along with a whistle and lanyard. Players will receive a Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA membership card and a certificate of participation at the end of the season.

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and pulled out the impressive road win.

Marcus Henderson scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Quinston Gavin added 17, Kyle English 13 and John Mitchell

10. Brantley's Devon Person led all scorers with 24 points, with all the points coming on eight three-point shots. Antonio Turner added 18 points for the Bulldogs.

Youth Basketball League releases team rosters

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will tip-off its 2002 Youth Basketball League season next week, with games set for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the Elba Recreation Center.

Following are the team rosters for the teams in both the boys and girls divisions.

BOYS 8 AND UNDER

HEAT - Coach Robert Edwards
De'Quan Mitchell, Thomas Cole, Jeffery Wright, Kyson Edwards, Fischer Crowell, Waylon Craighead, Joey Orr, Malik Smith, J. Quenton Truitt, Seth Hanchey, Daniel Bannin, Guy Mitchell, Shaquille Agee.

HORNETS - Coach Mark Henderson
Octavius Bonham, Michael Martin, Courtland Belcher, Darreon Burks, Tyron Burks, Connor Kelley, Jaron Kelley, Kendra Siler, Martin Henderson, Hayden Chandler, Branton Bowers.

WIZARDS - Coach Kevin Goosby
Austin Johnson, Chance Goosby, Cole Goosby, Sage Kelley, Jantzen Flowers, Chace Sauls, Harry Griffin, Jeremy Duncan, Tyler Anderson, Shabraun Robinson.

BOYS 10 AND UNDER

BULLS - Coach Gary Allen
Colton Vaughan, Ronnie Siler, Brock Lambert, Jamison Baker, Bradley Wilson, Jabari Cole, Michael Spurlin, Kevin Allen, Donnell Horstead, Jason Allen, Sandarius Reed, Traviole Craighead.

NETS - Coach Trina Flowers
Jason Mitchell, Marshall Reynolds, Jordan McBride, Griffin Cash, Taylor Cotton, Lavander Furlow, Tyler Hall, Jacob Pettie, Devonta Tillis, Donta Tillis, Gavin Flowers, Richard Cooks.

BOYS 12 AND UNDER

CLIPPERS - Coach Terrell Hammonds
Dustin Dorsey, Don Rhoades, Martin McCormick, Andrew Head, Chase Boutwell, John Jared, Justin Hammonds, Sanchez Goudemire, Tyshun Frazier, Derrick Jackson.

MAGIC - Coach Mike Harrison
Graham Morrow, Trey Martin, Matthew Gibson, Justin Gray, Tramound Craighead, Aaron Harrison, Calch Bannin, Jordan Flowers, Jason Johnson, Antwon Tillis, Stephen Driggers.

GIRLS 8 AND UNDER

SPARKS - Coach Ayida Cumberland
KaDesia Mitchell, Kazmirah Yelverton, Courtney Rugg, Molly McGuire, Katelyn Calhoun, Kendall Cole, Stephanie Daniels, Aspen Foushee, Jacquetta Whitfield, Amanda Wilson.

STORM - Coach Paula Goosby
Sarah Bane, Adora Goosby, Lindsey Carnley, Bethany Wilson, Kewayne Gavin, Brooke Adcock, Kei-Auna Edwards, Kayla Parks, Shabria Thomas, Jalia Bonham.

GIRLS 10 AND UNDER

SHOCK - Coach David Bailey
Danielle Hardwick, KaShundra Hardwick, Masie Thomas, Ashley Cooks, Dana Calhoun, Ashley Bailey, Mercedes Stephens, Cortnee Driggs.

COMETS - Coach Ronnie Caldwell
JoJo McBride, Natalie Luckett, Brandy Caldwell, Daniqua Horstead, Megan Anderson, Morgan Anderson, Keri Jones, Ty Gray, Keri Jones.

GIRLS 12 AND UNDER

ROCKERS - Coach David Bailey
Kimberly Cooks, Krystan Parker, Dancesha Jordan, Nickie Edwards, Kishanna Cole, Kandace Smith, Whitney Bailey, Tierney Starks.

STARZZ - Coach Ronnie Caldwell
Kayla Kyser, Yqoeshia Terry, Brittany Caldwell, Megan Anderson, Ashley carpenter, Kynu Coleman, Shariha Tyson.

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Monday, Jan. 7
In Elba,
5:30 - Bulls vs. Opp #1
6:30 - Nets vs. Opp #2
In Opp,
5:30 - Clippers vs. Opp #1
6:30 - Magic vs. Opp #2

Tuesday, Jan. 8
5:30 - Shock vs. Comets
6:30 - Starzz vs. Rockers

Thursday, Jan. 10
5:30 - Sparks vs. Storm
6:30 - Starzz vs. Opp

Saturday, Jan. 12
9:00 - Hornets vs. Heat
10:00 - Hornets vs. Wizards
11:00 - Bulls vs. Nets
12:00 - Clippers vs. Magic

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COMMUNITY NEWS



The winners of the Decorated Box contest were: 1st, Rebecca Thompson; 2nd, Zion Chapel; 3rd, Kinston. Twenty-eight boxes were judged.

Volunteers sought to assist in a project to preserve C.C. government documents

Volunteers are sought to assist in a project to preserve Coffee County government documents of a historical and genealogical value. The targets are loose paper now stored in several locations but as yet not in a permanent manner. Charles E. Box of Newton, local coordinator for the project, said an organizational meeting of volunteers will be held at 10 a.m., Jan. 15, in a room in the county agricultural complex in New Brockton. Lyn Frazier of the staff of the Alabama Department of Archives and History will be present to provide guidance and training for the group. The county project was delayed earlier this year as efforts were made to broaden the scope of documents to be included, he said.

Gospel Singing & revival to be held at Praise & Glory Worship Center Saturday, Jan. 5th

There will be a Gospel Singing, January 5 at Praise and Glory Worship Center located on South John St. located next to the high school in New Brockton.

The featured group will be Voice of Praise. The singing will start at 7:00 p.m.

MacArthur State Technical College announces Spring Registration

It's not too early to think "spring" when considering registration at MacArthur State Technical College. New students should plan to take the COMPASS exam at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 21, in the accounting classroom in the Wallace Administration Building. Applicants should arrive at the test site by 7:45 a.m. There is no cost to take this assessment which is required for admission.

New students should also

Fear of medication errors worries patients most

Many Americans have a relatively high level of anxiety surrounding hospital or health-system visits, according to a recent study conducted by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

The study, which examined 10 common patient concerns, found that the potential for medication mix-ups worries patients most (61 percent), followed by fear of negative drug interactions (58 percent), and treatment costs (58 percent).

"With more sophisticated and powerful drugs entering the market today, patients are increasingly worried about the accuracy, safety, and appropriate monitoring of their medication," said Bruce E. Scott, M.S., ASHP president of ASHP.

In light of these statistics, patients should know that pharmacists are a great information resource and are available to speak directly with patients and their families about the medications they receive.

To ensure a safe hospital stay, ASHP recommends that you:

- Bring a personal list of prescribed and over-the-counter medications and home remedies you're currently taking and

show it to the health professional(s) managing your care.

- Discuss any allergies or allergic reactions you have experienced with your physician.

- Know the names of the medications you are receiving during your stay.

- Question anything that you don't understand or that doesn't seem right.

- Ask your health-system pharmacist if you have any questions about the treatments or medications you receive.

"Modern medications have great healing power when used properly," said Scott. "Yet their ability to heal or harm depends largely on the quality of the medical and pharmaceutical care that guides their use."

Pharmacists practice in a number of settings throughout health systems, including hospitals, home care, long-term care, clinics, and health maintenance organizations. Studies have shown that including a pharmacist in your care can significantly decrease the chance of medication errors and adverse reactions, which may cause longer hospital stays.

Small business counseling session planned in Enterprise

SBDC provides the counseling services monthly at the chamber resource center, which is maintained by the Small Business Administration. In addition, a small library of various government publications is maintained at the center. Publications will not be available for distribution, however, forms for ordering the publications will be provided.

- Destroy anything with your

NOTICE:

The Elba Athletic Club will meet on the first and third Monday of each month beginning Jan. 7, 2002. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the boy's locker room at Elba High School.

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Choose stand carefully to avoid lost game

Many hunters choose a stand based primarily on how good they think the shooting will be. That is, they pick it because they have been told or observed a large number of doves or ducks fly within gun range of this particular stand. But picking a stand based solely on the fact that it offers a lot of shooting can result in lost game.

A stand should be chosen taking into consideration how easy it will be to find downed birds. Picking a dove stand in the very corner of a harvested field that adjoins a weed field or tall crop can result in too many lost birds.

When doves are arriving in large flocks and the shooting is furious, too much thought may be placed on hitting birds and not enough on retrieving them. A good retriever is the answer to most lost bird problems, but only a small percentage of dove hunters own one.

In most situations, a hunter can take up a position where birds will fall into a "drop zone." That is, they pick it because they have been told or observed a large number of doves or ducks fly within gun range of this particular stand. But picking a stand based solely on the fact that it offers a lot of shooting can result in lost game.

If you take a stand in the middle of a harvested peanut field, you usually have a 360-degree field of fire and can pick up birds during lulls in shooting. But if you are in a field of corn, millet or other tall crops, it's best to try and retrieve each dove as they fall. It's easy to forget where you "marked down" that last bird if you are watching the sky for incoming flocks.

Ducks and geese present even more of a problem than doves, as you often cannot be as mobile when waterfowl hunting as dove hunting. If you hunt from permanent blind, or boat blind that has been located properly and use a retriever, there is little problem in retrieving waterfowl. But many duck hunters in Alabama hunt smaller lakes, marshes and beaver ponds while wading. Hunting this type terrain requires hunters tolerate themselves where they will not only get a shot, but when they hit a duck it will fall in an area they can safely retrieve it. More than one duck hunter has gotten into trouble when they excitedly waded into water to deep and filled their waders with water.

Quail hunters can also take advantage of selecting the right place to stand when shooting. Often the dogs will point in a fence row or thicket edge. If a hunter can circle around to flush the bird where they will fly over the more open terrain, the dogs will have an easier job of retrieving them.

Taking a little time to evaluate where birds may fall will help eliminate game loss and make any hunt more enjoyable.

Students may apply for ASMC educational scholarships

Area high school seniors are encouraged to apply for two scholarships offered by the Wiregrass Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC). The local organization will award two educational scholarships in the amount of \$750 each to assist college-bound seniors with educational expenses at the institution of his/her choice. In addition, local winners will compete at the National ASMC level for one of five \$1,000 scholarships or one of five \$2,000 scholarships. Applicants must be high school seniors (or graduates in the past six months) entering a field of study directly related to financial/resource management (business administration, economics, public administration, computer science, operations research related to financial management, accounting, or finance).

Application forms are available from high school guidance counselors or from the Wiregrass Chapter Scholarship Committee. Deadline for the receipt of applications is February 18, 2002. Completed applications should be mailed to: Scholarship Committee,

Wiregrass Chapter ASMC, PO Box 620266, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-0266. Further information may be obtained from Gayle Little (Chairperson) at 774-6064 or 255-3618; or other committee members at 255-9471, 255-9979, or 255-9387. The American Society of Military Comptrollers is a professional, non-profit, private organization designed to provide an opportunity for its members to grow professionally and to exchange ideas and techniques for dealing with common problems of the military and civilian financial management communities. Members of the community who are interested in keeping abreast of the latest financial management developments and who want to build a professional network through ASMC are invited to join the chapter. Corporate memberships are also available for businesses and other organizations. Membership applications can be obtained by calling Linda Summers (Individual Memberships) at 684-3915 or 255-9985, or Marge Simmons (Corporate Memberships) at 393-3827 or 255-3481.

Elba Elementary School Menu Jan. 7 - 11, 2002

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Cornal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chicken Wiggle, Corn, English Peas, Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Steak Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Field Peas, Sliced Potatoes, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, 1/2 Orange, Crackers, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Cereal & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Peanut Butter Cake, Milk

Credit card fraud costs Americans

Three billion dollars. That's how much credit card fraud costs American consumers and businesses each year.

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- Always sign your credit card as soon as you get them.
- Cut up your expired or canceled credit cards before you throw them out, and call the store or bank to notify it when you cancel an account.

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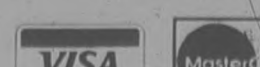
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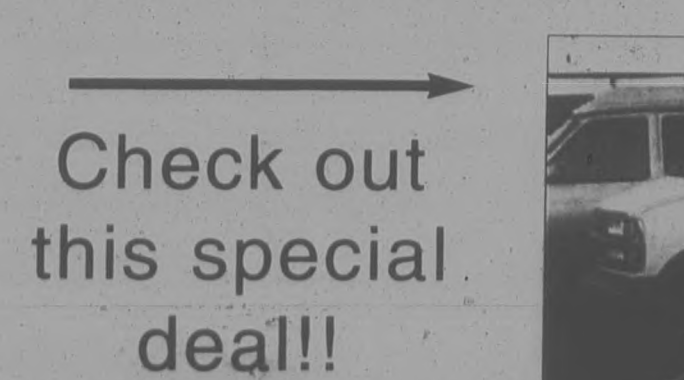
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Jack Water System becomes victim of criminal mischief and theft

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department actively seeks the assistance of anyone with information concerning the recent unlawful removal of fireplugs in the Jack community.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, the department is investigating two separate incidents involving criminal mischief and theft at the Jack Water System which services the Jack and Victoria communities in rural northeast Coffee County.

Moates said each incident involves fireplugs that have been pulled from the ground and taken from Coffee County

roads 207 and 215.

He said the first incident occurred approximately two weeks ago with the second incident occurring late Saturday night, Jan. 5, or early Sunday morning, Jan. 6.

The removal of these fireplugs caused the loss of water service to households in the effected coverage area, as well as, the loss of water supply to poultry houses and livestock.

Also, Moates said the removal of the fireplugs could have caused a serious problem in regards to fire protection services for the area in the event of a fire.

The cost to repair and replace the fireplugs will

exceed \$2,000.

Unfortunately, this is a case where we don't have a good starting point other than the description of a vehicle," said Moates. "Therefore, we need the help of anyone who might have some information con-

cerning these incidents."

At this point he said the department is looking into information concerning a red and white Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck that was seen in the area prior to the second incident.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is asked to contact their local law enforcement agency or the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at (334) 894-5535. Moates added that the department will accommodate anyone

wishing to remain anonymous that does not have an involvement with the incident.

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Vicky Harrison appointed to serve

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held its regular monthly meeting during the evening of Monday, Jan. 7, and approved the appointment of Vicky Harrison to temporarily serve as a member of the council.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole began the meeting by noting the absence of councilmember Jody Stuckey, who could not attend, and councilmember Roger Harrison, who has taken a leave of absence from his position.

With that in mind, the first matter discussed by the council was the need to appoint a temporary replacement for Harrison during his leave of absence. Cole recommended to the board that it fill the vacancy with Vicky Harrison. The council members seemed to agree with Cole's recommendation, as a motion was made and passed to appoint Vicky Harrison as a

temporary replacement for the District 2 seat of the council.

Immediately following the council's vote, Harrison was sworn into office, and she took her seat alongside her fellow councilmembers.

The absence of R. Harrison also left the council with a need to appoint a temporary Mayor Pro Tem. Again, the mayor made a recommendation to the council that was approved. A motion was made to appoint councilmember Johnnie Heron as the temporary Mayor Pro Tem during R. Harrison's leave of absence.

The focus of the meeting then shifted to Tammy Crosby, a science teacher at New Brockton High School, who addressed the council concerning an upcoming event.

Crosby told council members that March 7-14 will be recognized as Aerospace Week, and she would like for New Brockton to hold an Aerospace Celebration Day on March 8.

"I would like to make this a community event as much as a school event," Crosby said. With that said, she asked the council for any and all help the members could provide in making the event a success by helping locate guests who could visit during the celebration and offer aviation-related knowledge to the students and citizens of New Brockton.

The council also revisited the idea of annexation during the Monday evening meeting with Cole asking the council members if they wanted to go ahead with the project.

"If we don't expand, we are never going to grow," Cole said. During the December meeting, Dr. Linda Ingram recommended that the board reject all bids that were received for the sale of the

bus. The high bid received for the sale of the buses was \$700 and the board members agreed that the figure seemed too low.

However, it was brought to the board members' attention that since the deadline for bids, the Covington County System had offered to purchase the three buses for \$1,000 per bus. With this offer on the table, the board voted to sell the buses to Covington County for the amount offered.

Ingram then updated board members concerning the purchase of two 60-gallon mixers for the Child Nutrition Program. The mixers were to be used at Zion Chapel and New Brockton.

During an earlier meeting, the board voted to allow the superintendent to open bids for the mixers and accept the low bid for purchase. Ingram told board members that the low bid for the two mixers came from Bresco of Birmingham in the amount of \$18,040.

In regards to personnel matters, the board approved a leave of absence for Martha Senn, a bus driver at New Brockton. Next, the board accepted a letter of retirement effective Dec. 14, 2001, from Senn.

A transfer from Kinston to New Brockton was approved for bus driver Donna Davis. The purpose of this transfer was to fill the vacancy at New Brockton created by the retirement of Martha Senn; however,

the board decided not to fill the vacancy at Kinston that the transfer would create. The reasoning was that the route covered by Davis at Kinston was a small one, and the board felt the situation would be better served by consolidating this route with the others already in place at the school.

The board also approved the employment of Teresa Brewer as an alternative education aide at New Brockton High School. The position was previously vacated.

In other business, the board

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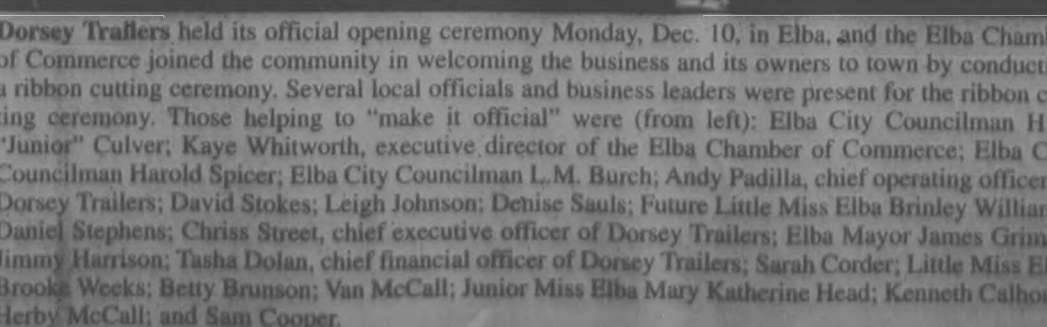
Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE PRESENTS Holanta Dixieland Jazz in performance Friday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium. The event will be the fourth to be presented by the Coffee County Arts Alliance this season, and tickets are currently on sale.

OPEN HOUSE The Coffee County Commission will have an open house for the Damascus Senior Citizens Center Sunday, Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. in dedication of the newly built center.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Jan. 14, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Complex in New Brockton.

COFFEE COUNTY EMA MEETING The Coffee County Emergency Communications Board will conduct its regularly scheduled board meeting Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 5 p.m. in the small conference room near the Community Room in the County Commission Office building. The public is invited.



Dorsey Trailers held its official opening ceremony Monday, Dec. 10, in Elba, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce joined the community in welcoming the business and its owners to town by conducting a ribbon cutting ceremony. Several local officials and business leaders were present for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Those helping to "make it official" were (from left): Elba City Councilman H.H. "Junior" Culver; Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Elba City Councilman Harold Spicer; Elba City Councilman L.M. Burch; Andy Padilla, chief operating officer of Dorsey Trailers; David Stokes; Leigh Johnson; Denise Sauls; Future Little Miss Elba Britley Williams; Daniel Stephens; Chriss Street, chief executive officer of Dorsey Trailers; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Jimmy Harrison; Tasha Dolan, chief financial officer of Dorsey Trailers; Sarah Corder; Little Miss Elba Brooks Weeks; Betty Brunson; Van McCall; Junior Miss Elba Mary Katherine Head; Kenneth Calhoun; Herby McCall; and Sam Cooper.

Coffee County BOE holds routine meeting Thursday, Jan. 3rd

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting at noon on Thursday, Jan. 3, and found the agenda to be routine.

During the regular meeting of the board in November, the members voted to accept bids for the sale of three 1986 model school buses that were no longer being used.

On Thursday, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram recommended that the board reject all bids that were received for the sale of the

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